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PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO – As part of a comprehensive effort to address the environmental and water management problems of California's Bay-Delta system, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is soliciting proposals for ecosystem restoration programs and projects. Up to \$24,550,000 will be awarded to projects that fall within nine specific topics targeted by CALFED, including floodplain management and habitat restoration, sediment management, species life history studies and local watershed stewardship. Last year, CALFED funded 71 projects totaling \$85,378,000.

The deadline for submittals is 4 p.m., July 2, 1998. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend a pre-submittal workshop on June 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center.

"These ecosystem restoration projects are the first tangible evidence of a lasting Bay-Delta solution," said Lester Snow, executive director of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. "Our process allows local and regional entities to implement priority projects and programs that will ultimately benefit California as a whole."

The funds are made available as part of the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord's commitment to develop and fund non-flow related ecosystem restoration activities prior to the completion of a long-term plan for a Bay-Delta solution. The 1998 funding comes from State Proposition 204, the Federal Bay-Delta Act and federal watershed funding.

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CALFED Agencies

California	The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board	Federal	Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service
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The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort among state and federal agencies and California's environmental, urban and agricultural communities. It was initiated in 1995 by Governor Pete Wilson and the Clinton Administration to address environmental and water management problems associated with the Bay-Delta system, an intricate web of waterways created at the junction of the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and the watershed that feeds them.

In addition to ecosystem restoration, as part of its long-term solution, CALFED is developing comprehensive, inter-linked programs to address water quality, water use efficiency, levee system integrity, watershed management and water transfers.

The Bay-Delta is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy, supplying drinking water for more than 22 million Californians, and irrigation water for more than four million acres of the world's most productive farmland. It also supports 750 fish and wildlife species; some found nowhere else on the planet.

Proposals for the 1998 funding cycle must address one of the following topics:

- Fish passage assessment
- Fish passage and related screen improvements
- Floodplain management and habitat restoration
- Sediment management
- Fish harvest management tools
- Species life history studies
- Local watershed stewardship
- Environmental education
- Small screen evaluations and alternatives

For a copy of the Proposal Solicitation Package, call CALFED at (916) 657-2666 or visit the CALFED website at <http://calfed.ca.gov>.

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